Recommendation of the Hanumantha Rao Committee

1488. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the units of Tehri Dam Hydel Project are slated for commissioning as scheduled by August, 2003;

(b) whether the recommendation of the Hanumantha Rao Committee on the rehabilitation of oustees from the catchment areas of Tehri Dam have been implemented; and

(c) whether the Centre has transferred the responsibility for the rehabilitation/resettlement of the oustees of Tehri Dam to the State Government with funds provided by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) At the present rate of progress, Tehri Dam Project is now expected to be commissioned in the year 2003-2004.

(b) The recommendations of the Hanumantha Rao Committee which have been accepted by the Government, on the rehabilitation of oustees of Tehri Dam are being implemented pari-passu with the engineering work.

(c) The rehabilitation & resettlement works of the oustees of Tehri Dam were transferred to the Government of Uttaranchal in January, 1999, and have been taken over by the Government of Uttaranchal in January, 2001. Funds for rehabilitation and resettlement are being provided by THDC in conformity with the approved package.

Demand and Supply of Power

1489. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the gap between demand and supply of power during Sixth to Ninth Five Year Plans period and gap between State-wise power generation capacity *vis-a-vis* actual generation during the same period;

(b) what is the Government's strategy in the Tenth Five Year Plan to bridge the gap between estimated demand and supply; and